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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

CASE NO. 2:22-CR-0178-JAM

**Plaintiff,**

**STIPULATION AND JOINT REQUEST FOR  
PROTECTIVE ORDER; PROTECTIVE ORDER**

JOSE SANTANA AYON ARAGON,

**Defendant.**

## I. STIPULATION

1. Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and defendant Jose Santana Ayon Aragon, by and through his counsel of record (“Defendant” and “Defense Counsel”), for the reasons set forth below, hereby stipulate, agree, and jointly request that the Court enter a Protective Order in this case restricting the use and dissemination of certain materials that could identify undercover agents and/or confidential sources, and/or that contain personal identifying information (“PII”) and other confidential information of real persons.

2. This Court may enter protective orders pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Local Rule 141.1, and its general supervisory authority.

3. On August 11, 2022, the Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Defendant with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to methamphetamine, fentanyl, and para-fluorofentanyl, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) (Count One), possession with intent to distribute

1 methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Count Two), and use of an interstate facility in  
2 aid of racketeering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952(a)(3) (Count Three).

3       4. As part of its investigation in the above-captioned case, the government is in the  
4 possession of documents and other materials relating to the charges against the Defendant, and seeks to  
5 provide those materials to counsel for the Defendant. The government seeks to do so pursuant to its  
6 discovery obligations, although some of the materials may exceed the scope of the government's  
7 discovery obligations and will be produced to promote a prompt and just resolution of the case.

8       5. The government intends to produce to Defense Counsel: (1) audio recordings, video  
9 recordings, photographs, investigative reports and/or other documents that could identify law  
10 enforcement undercover agents and/or confidential sources; and (2) materials containing PII and other  
11 confidential information of real persons. These real persons are third parties, co-defendants, and/or  
12 witnesses to this case. This discovery will be considered "Protected Material" as described in this  
13 stipulation and order, as will any other discovery marked as Protected Material.

14       6. The purpose of this stipulation and order is to establish the procedures that must be  
15 followed by Defense Counsel, any designated employees, and any other individual who receives access  
16 to any Protected Material in this case and the information therein.

17       7. The Government shall produce the aforementioned Protected Material to Defense  
18 Counsel, designating the discovery with the bates prefix, "AYON ARAGON\_PM\_." This discovery,  
19 and any subsequent material discovered by the Government to Defense Counsel using the bates-prefix,  
20 shall be considered Protected Material.

21       8. All Protected Material in this case is now and will forever remain the property of the  
22 Government. It is entrusted to Defense Counsel only for purposes of representing the Defendant during  
23 the pendency of this case.

24       9. Defense Counsel shall not give any Protected Material to any person other than Defense  
25 Counsel's staff assisting in preparation of the present case. The term "staff" shall explicitly include only  
26 attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants, retained experts, and investigators assisting Defense Counsel in  
27 the present matter. The term excludes any other defendant in this matter or any other pending matter  
28 against the Defendant; any person involved in any case in which discovery concerning the Defendant is

1 produced; and any other person other than those specifically authorized to see Protected Material under  
2 this paragraph.

3       10. Any person receiving access to the Protected Material from Defense Counsel shall be  
4 bound by the same obligations as Defense Counsel and, further, may not give any Protected Material to  
5 anyone.

6       11. No members of the Defendant's family, friends of the Defendant, personal or  
7 professional associates of the Defendant, or any other person affiliated with the Defendant or any  
8 Defendant in a related case shall be given access to any Protected Material or its contents in any manner,  
9 for any reason.

10      12. Defense Counsel may make copies of Protected Material and may take written or typed  
11 notes summarizing it in connection with preparation of the case. If necessary to the litigation of the  
12 instant matter, Defense Counsel may also have audio or video forms of Protected Material transcribed.  
13 All notes, copies, duplicates, summaries, transcripts, or other representations of or concerning the  
14 information in the Protected Material comprises "Protected Material" itself, must be affixed with the  
15 corresponding bates numbers and the "Protected Material" ledger, and is subject to all terms of this  
16 stipulation and order, except that all notes, summaries, or other materials that constitute Defense  
17 Counsel's work product are the property of Defense Counsel and not the property of the Government;  
18 nevertheless, such work product, to the extent it contains or describes any Protective Material, is subject  
19 to all the other terms of this order that restrict and govern the use and dissemination of Protected  
20 Materials.

21      13. Defense Counsel shall maintain a list of persons to whom any Protected Material is being  
22 or has been given. Such persons shall be provided with a copy of the executed version of this stipulation  
23 and order, shall sign their full names to a copy, and shall in writing acknowledge that they understand its  
24 terms and are bound by it. If Defense Counsel is replaced for any reason, or if new counsel is appointed  
25 in any phase of the matter, the new counsel shall not have access to any Protected Material until and  
26 unless they sign a copy of this stipulation and order, under the terms described in this paragraph.

27      14. Defense Counsel may use the Protected Material in the defense of Defendant in the  
28 instant case in any manner deemed essential to adequately represent him (i.e., in motions that are filed

1 under seal, if necessary; in ex parte applications as may be needed; and in reproducing and summarizing  
2 Protected Material for use in trial preparation summaries, exhibits and as evidence, as may be needed),  
3 consistent with this stipulation and order as it shall be originally prepared and signed.

4        15. In the event Defense Counsel needs to use any Protected Material in a manner not  
5 authorized under this stipulation and order, Defense Counsel is entitled to seek to have this stipulation  
6 and order amended by the District Court, after having given notice to counsel for the Government, in a  
7 hearing before the District Court, in order to meet the obligations under the Sixth Amendment to the  
8 United States Constitution.

9        16. Defense Counsel and any authorized members of Defense Counsel's staff are authorized  
10 to review with Defendant the contents of the Protected Material. Defense Counsel and authorized  
11 members of his/her staff, however, are prohibited from in any way giving Defendant any Protected  
12 Material or any memorialization of the content of any of it, such as: any of the Protected Material itself;  
13 copies of any of the Protected Material; copies of excerpts of any of the Protected Material; or  
14 summaries of any of the Protected Material. This prohibition will not extend to the Defendant viewing  
15 the Protected Material in open court should any of these materials or summaries thereof be used in the  
16 litigation of this case.

17        17. Defense Counsel is authorized to show copies of the Protected Material to potential  
18 witnesses in this case. Defense Counsel is prohibited, however, from in any way giving any potential  
19 witness any Protected Material or any memorialization of the content of any of it, or allowing any  
20 potential witness to make a copy or in any way memorialize the contents of any Protected Material.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: August 29, 2022

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1 Dated: August 29, 2022

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5 **FINDINGS AND ORDER**

6 The Court having read and considered the Stipulation and Joint Request for a Protective Order,  
7 which this Court incorporates by reference into this Order in full, hereby finds that GOOD CAUSE  
8 exists to enter the above Order.

9 IT IS SO FOUND AND ORDERED.

11 Dated: August 30, 2022

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13 DEBORAH BARNES  
14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE